



# Community of Faith

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

**No daily mass Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – Jan 25<sup>th</sup>**

**\* Communion Service Only**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time • Year A

**Saturday, 1/25** 3:00pm J William D'Arcy r/o parents

4:30pm M William Lorah Jr. r/o Kuzmitsky family

**Sunday, 1/26** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time • Year A

9:00am J William & Anna Fellin r/o children & families

10:30am M Claire Kalenkosky

r/o Jarzinko & Balkiewicz Family

**No daily mass Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time • Year A

**Sat., 2/1** 3:00pm J William Lorah Jr. r/o Helen Mehalik

4:30pm M Anna Milefsky r/o M/M Jimi Donovan

**Sunday, 2/2** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time • Year A

9:00am J Jim Barrett r/o Ray & Arlene Sachleben

10:30am M Josephine & Bron Rejent

r/o Gene, Sherry & family



❖ **Note: Starting the weekend of Jan. 11-12<sup>th</sup>.**

**At the direction of the diocese, due to the reported widespread flu outbreak, the greeting at the sign of peace and the ministry of the cup is suspended.**

@ **M:** has been set up. If any parishioners have any suggestions for topics to be addressed by the council, they should be submitted via email/phone call to the office, or by placing your suggestion in the suggestion box located at



the back of church.

❖ **2020 Envelopes:** will be at the office for any parishioner who did not pick up their contributions envelopes or were missed. Please call the office.

❖ **2019 Contributions:** if for tax purposes, you are in need of a report, contact the parish office. If you received a copy last year no need to call the office, they will be mailed out automatically.

✠ **Bishop Alfred A. Schlert D.D.J.C.L., Bishop of Allentown** will be the main celebrant for Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, **Sunday, March 8, 2020 at St. Mary's Parish.** Reception following Mass. All are Welcome!

❖ **Anniversary Book Delay:** Due to a few unforeseen circumstances the commemorative booklet will not be available until the spring of 2020. We apologize for this but the finished book should be worth the wait. Thank you for your understanding.

## Liturgy & Worship

### What is the Tenth Commandment of God?

"You shall not covet your neighbor's goods" forbid?

The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment forbids all desire to take on to keep unjustly what belongs to others and also forbids envy at their success.

The holy Bible narrates the story of a covetous king, Ahab of Samaria, and Naboth, a man who owned a vineyard near the royal palace.

Greatly desirous of that vineyard, Ahab went to his subject and said, "give me your vineyard that I may make a garden." Naboth, however, refused to relinquish the land of his fathers, his inheritance. When Jezebel, Ahab's wife, learned of the King's anger and bitterness over the refusal he had received, she contrived, to have Naboth killed. Then she told her husband that he can take possession of the vineyard.

For this crime, the infamous couple was severely punished by God, who sent the prophet Elijah to tell them: "You have slain; moreover you have also taken possession. The dogs licked the blood of Naboth; they shall lick your blood also.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment forbids us to desire, to take or keep unjustly the property of others, and it also forbids envy at their success.

We must be content with what we have and with the conditions in which God has placed us. However, it is permissible to seek to become prosperous, if it is done honestly and without exposing one's self to the proximate dangers of sin.

"Covetousness is the root of all evil and some in their eagerness to get rich has strayed from the faith and have involved themselves in many troubles"! 1Tm. 6-10

"Take heed and guard yourself from all covetousness, for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"! Lk. 12:15

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: M: \$1988 J: \$2338**

**Upcoming Collections: February: Dues, Weekly, Energy, Ash Wednesday**



Hear Our Prayer

❖ **Pray for:** Living: Victor Yanuskiewicz • Frank & Sylvia Hovanec • Dorothy Hovanec • James Barrett • Dolly Zakavage • Jaden Leiby • Fr. Jim Torpey

### ❖ **Important messages from the Parish:**

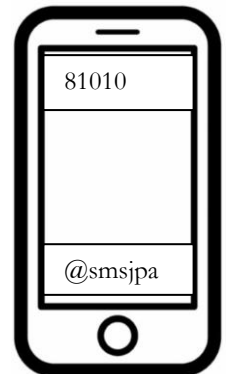
We have set up a text alert system to notify parishioners about anything important going on in the parish. Messages are from Fr. Dominic or messages from the parish office. To start receiving messages you will need to text a message to the number below followed by the message. **If you were already getting alerts in the past you**

**do not need to sign up again. You have been added to the new group.**

See example

Enter number 81010

Text this message: @smsjpa



❖ **K of C Happenings:** No January Meeting

• Rosary at St Joe's Sunday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> prior to Mass

• Rosary at St Mary's Sunday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> prior to mass – Feb Meeting following mass on the 16<sup>th</sup>

❖ **Memorial @ M:** William Lorah Jr.: \$50, William Lorah Sr.: \$50

❖ **Woman of Grace Happenings:**

▶ **HOPE Ministry:** If you or someone you know in our community could use some temporary help with meals, errands, rides to church or appointments HOPE Ministry can help. HOPE Ministry is also seeking volunteers to help serve those in need. Call Nancy @ 215-801-5797 or Arlene @ 570-590-5810

**Thank you from Birthright of Frackville, Inc.**

The volunteers at Birthright of Frackville would like to thank you for your support with the annual "Giving Tree Project". The kindness and generosity of the people in our area helps to make it possible. To all who donated, those who have set up the tree in Church, and to those who have delivered the donations to our office, we are truly thankful.



**\*\* Please join the MARCH FOR LIFE, Friday, JANUARY 24th in Washington DC. Bus available - contact Nancy @ 215-801-5797 or Arlene @ 570-590-5810 for details & to sign up.**

**Did You Know?**

In the Catholic Church in the United States, **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** is designated as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the **"Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children"** ([respectlife.org/january-22](http://respectlife.org/january-22)). As Catholics, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms.

Participating in the **March for Life on January 24th** or praying for those who are marching is one way to observe this day.

Also, please commit to participating in *9 Days for Life*. This annual, nationwide novena for the protection of human life takes place **January 21-29, 2020**.

- **To join go to [respectlife.org/9-days-for-life](http://respectlife.org/9-days-for-life) or pick up a "9 days for life" packet at the entrance to church.**

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

*"A great prayer for life is needed, a prayer that will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family, and from the heart of every believer."*

*Pope St. John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 100*

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*"All children - born and unborn - are made in the holy image of God." President Donald J. Trump*



**Volunteer/Help needed @ M:** Looking for someone to do snow removal/shoveling for the church and parish office. This would consist of maintaining the sidewalks, steps before weekday, weekend, holidays and funeral Masses as needed. **Must be reliable!**

*If interested call: Barb Osilka @ (570) 590-5216*

✚ Bishop Alfred Schlert has announced that anyone in the Diocese of Allentown who attends the "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. on January 24 will receive a partial indulgence.

A partial indulgence also will be granted to people who are aged, sick or unable to leave their home for the March, but who spiritually unite themselves with those participating in the event. The March for Life is an annual prayerful demonstration against abortion. It has taken place for the past 44 years. Several parishes are running buses.

What is an indulgence? After we go to Confession, temporal punishment still remains – not to be thought of as vengeance from God, but rather as a wound from the nature of sin itself. Think of temporal punishment as the time needed to heal the wound of sin. This healing can occur while we are still alive – through works of mercy and charity, prayer, and penance – or after death, in Purgatory. An indulgence helps heal the wound while we are still alive, reducing or eliminating the need for time in Purgatory before we go to Heaven.

To receive the partial indulgence for the March, those eligible also must go to Confession, receive Communion, and pray for the intentions of Pope Francis, all within a reasonable time before or after the event. The partial indulgence can be used by the person receiving it, or it can be applied to a deceased loved one.

⇒ **Turning Taxes into Scholarships**

If you are paying Pennsylvania state income taxes, why not turn your tax dollars into need based scholarships for schools? Pennsylvania provides a 90% tax credit to individuals who donate funds for Catholic School Education.

The gift of a Catholic Education is an investment in our youth, our future, and our faith. To learn more, please inquire at your school or contact: John Fierro (Diocese) 610- 866-0581 (ext 2344)

❖ **Redner's Save-A-Tape:** Save your receipts, put them in Sunday Stewardship. (M) benefit 1%. **For your receipts to count toward the church you must sign up at Redners service desk!**



**Community Events: St. John's Ringtown: Soup Sale 2/2.** Pick up at 12 noon \$8.00/qt. Order deadline 1/26. See any Youth Group member to order or call 570-889-5203. Seafood, Chili or Chicken Noodle. **Krispy Kreme Sale 2/23** pick up at 12 noon. \$8.00/dozen. Order deadline 2/16. See any group member or call the office. • **Ringtown Rotary Kauffman BBQ Chicken Dinner: 2/6** from 3-7pm at the Union Twp Bldg. Take out only.